(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the other areas that are going to come up for discussion in WTO talks at Hong Kong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the Doha Ministerial mandate on market access for non-agricultural products', the negotiations to reduce or eliminate non-tariff barriers in particular on products of export interest to developing countries are proceeding in the Negotiating Group on Market Access (NGMA). Based on inputs received from the industry, and consultations with economists and experts, India has notified a list of non-tariff barriers being faced by its exports.

India along with many other developing countries had also raised issues and concerns being faced by them with raference to adequate operationalisation of the Agreements on SPS and TBT so as to contain the trade distortionary impact of sanitary measures and technical regulations especially on exports from developing countries.

(d) Sixth Ministerial Conference of the WTO, to be held in Hong Kong in December 2005, would among other issues review the progress of ongoing negotiations launched under the Doha Work Programme. The Doha Work Programme covers mainly negotiations in Agriculture, Services, Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA), Trade Facilitation and Development Issues.

Rejection of export consignments

965. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large consignments mainly of food items were rejected by the authorities in US, EU, UK, Poland, etc. in the month of May this year;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such heavy rejection; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to ensure that export consignments are not rejected by the consignee Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) A few export consignments of food items from India were rejected by certain importing countries like the US, UK, Germany, Italy, and Poland, as the consignments did not meet their respective standards.

(c) All Indian export consignments are subjected to pre-shipment inspection to ensure that export consignments conform to standards. Constant efforts are being made to ensure that exports meet standards of importing countries. However inspite of this, if export consignments get rejected, the matter is promptly taken up with the concerned Indian Embassy or Mission in the importing country who in turn take up the matter with concerned Governments for resolving the matter.

Revival of sick industrial units

†966. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that during March, 2004 to June, 2005 Government have made several announcements for providing financial relief to sick industrial units;

(b) if so, the dates of the announcements made and the amount provided under each announcement; and

(c) the names of institutions which were given relief and the amount provided to each of them till July, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.